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TOWN TAX RATE NOW DECREASED

New Budget Sets Rate At 95 Cents Per Hundred

A decrease of two cents in the tax rate for 1940 was decreed by the mayor and aldermen of Franklin in drawing the budget for the new fiscal year last week at the town board's regular monthly meeting.

The new rate is 95 cents per hundred dollar valuation as compared with 97 cents for 1939. The total amount to be raised by the tax levy this year is \$10,210.00, a slight decrease from last year's amount.

Property Values Increase
Property values in Franklin have increased \$53,511.00 during the past year according to the new tax valuation which totals \$1,149,649.00.

Changes in the new budget include an increase of \$1000 in the police appropriation to pay for a regular officer on Saturdays; an increase of \$500.00 in the general fund to pay for an office girl and additional office supplies and equipment, necessitated by the street improvement work.

The itemized budget is published in full elsewhere in this issue.

According to George Dean, town clerk, practically all of the 1939 town budget was expended during the year. The remaining amount is being used in street improvement which will be carried on for three or four months more.

Baptist Ministers To Meet July 15

Centering around the theme of "God's Message for Today," the Western North Carolina Baptist Ministers Conference will hold its regular quarterly meeting here at the Franklin Baptist church next Monday, July 15.

Around 40 ministers from Graham, Haywood, Swain, Jackson and Macon counties are expected to be present. Rev. H. M. Hocutt of Sylva will preside.

The program will open with a devotional period at 10 a. m., led by Rev. J. G. Benfield of Highlands, followed by an inspirational message by Rev. Fred Forester of Cullowhee. Rev. W. H. Covert of Bryson City will then deliver an address on "Jeremiah's Message for Today."

At noon a lunch will be served the conference by the members of the Women's Missionary society.

The afternoon session will include addresses by Rev. W. M. Gerald of Clyde and an address by Rev. H. M. Hocutt of Sylva.

Charles Potts

Appointed Postmaster At Highlands

The nomination of Charles C. Potts as Highlands postmaster was confirmed in a telegram from Washington Tuesday.

Mr. Potts has served as assistant postmaster in this office for the past five years, during which time the receipts have more than doubled. His many friends feel that he is ably fitted for the position to which he has been appointed.

Mr. Potts succeeds James L. Wright, acting postmaster since November, 1939.

Three Aliens Registered With Clerk of Court Here

Three aliens—defined by the law as any person over 16 years of age who is not an American citizen—have registered with Clerk of Court Harley Cabe as is required by state law.

The law, passed in 1927, requires all aliens to register with the clerk of court within 90 days after entering a country. Failure to do so is a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment or both.

The registration book has space for 13 entries including the alien's nationality, government or military service, names and dates of birth of all children under 16, and the country from which his passport was issued.

According to United States District Attorney Lamar Cauble, all aliens will be required shortly to register with the federal government, regardless of state registration requirements. No information of the procedure to be followed in registration has been received as yet, but it is expected that the registration will be handled by the department of justice and the post-office department, working in cooperation.

Oxford Orphanage

Singing Class Will Give Program Here July 16

As much an expected summer event in Macon as the Fourth of July or watermelon time, the annual concert of the Oxford orphanage singing class will be given in the courthouse auditorium here next Tuesday, July 16, at 8 p. m.

The program will consist of songs, recitations, pageants, and patriotic drills.

This year the public is invited to attend as the guests of the Masons. No admission will be charged, as in former years, but a free will offering will be taken which will go directly to the upkeep of Oxford orphanage.

During their stay here, the 14 children in the group will be the guests of the Eastern Star and the local Masonic group.

LADIES NIGHT AT LIONS CLUB

New Officers Installed; First Year's Work Reported

The Franklin Lions Club roared out their first year and installed new officers at their regular meeting on Monday night in Cagle's Cafe. The occasion was celebrated with "Ladies Night" festivities, the Lions and Lionesses filling the meeting place with songs and laughter. A bountiful chicken dinner was enjoyed. The banquet table extending the length of the room, was gayly decorated with summer flowers and streamers to carry out a scheme in the club's colors—blue and gold.

Installation ceremonies were carried out by retiring officers who briefly read the duties of their office to the incoming men. Tom Angel installed Frank Bloxham as the new president. Jack Sanders, Woodrow Reeves and Fred Montony were installed as the new vice-presidents by Woodrow Reeves and Joel Tompkins. Bill Moore installed Ralph Womack as tail-twister, and Bob Gaines became Lion tamer, succeeding Lester Arnold. Jim Sutton commiserated Bill Johnson as he handed over the office of secretary and treasurer.

An enthusiastic reception was given to the invitation of the Franklin Rotary club to meet with them at their next Wednesday's noon meeting and to the invitation of the Sylva club to dine and dance with them at Sylva Wednesday night.

First Year's Accomplishments

In summing up the activities of the club's existence, Lion Angel mentioned that with the help and cooperation of many townspeople, the Lion's club had been able to benefit Franklin and Macon county by sponsoring and financially aiding the following activities: Bookshelves for 1500 books for the Franklin library, the bookmobile, the community Christmas tree, the De Soto celebration. The Club was instrumental in securing the stop light at the junction of U. S. highways 23 and 64, and aided in the revival of the chamber of commerce, contracting for the construction of the tourist information booth on Main street. The retiring president stated that the activity in which the Lions took most pride and satisfaction was the aid given to underprivileged children with poor vision, reporting that the sum of \$75.00 had been expended for glasses for 15 children in the county.

New Member

Tony Welch, who has recently purchased the People's Market, was ushered in as a new member.

Service Tokens

As a token of the Club's gratitude for the special effort put forth by the retiring president and secretary, Thad Bryson presented to Lions Angel and Sutton gold membership badges indicating their services as past president and past secretary.

Horace Nolan Succeeds Walker As Fed. Manager

E. Y. Walker, for three years the popular manager of the Farmers Federation warehouse in Macon county, has been promoted to be manager of the warehouse in Canton. Mr. Walker and his family moved to their new home last Thursday.

Horace Nolan, who has been assistant manager for several years will succeed Mr. Walker as manager.

Franklin On The Air

Franklin will very shortly go on the air from two of this region's most powerful radio stations.

Arrangements have been completed by the Chamber of Commerce to have local persons broadcast information about Franklin as a recreation center and summer resort. Two broadcasts have already been scheduled.

On Thursday, July 18, a 15 minute broadcast will be presented over station WWNC in Asheville at 10:45 a. m. Also in the near future a representative of the Chamber of Commerce will appear on Rich's Inc. program from station WSB in Atlanta. Other broadcasts are now being arranged, particulars of which will be announced later.

War Relief

Quota For Macon County Still Short \$166.30

Harley R. Cabe, county chairman of the American Red Cross, makes the following acknowledgment of additional contributions to the War Relief fund:

Cowee Sunday school, \$5.76; Otto CCC Camp, \$10.92; Dr. Frank Killian, \$2.50; Holly Springs Sunday school, \$6.52; Grover Jamison, \$1.00; Mrs. George Hazelton, \$1.00. Total \$43.70.

Mr. Cabe called attention to the fact that the quota had been doubled from the original sum requested from Macon county—\$300 to \$600. The above figure shows that \$166.30 is needed to complete the county's share in aiding the war-stricken refugees in Europe. He requests all those who have not given, will do so at once and as liberally as possible. There are some who have contributed who may be able and willing to double their first donation," said Mr. Cabe, who added that he wished especially to thank the churches and Sunday schools, practically all of which have sent offerings. Some may wish to make a second offering to the increased quota that has been made necessary by the increased devastation wrought by war since the first appeal.

CULLOWHEE

An investigation is being made by a special committee at W. C. T. C. as to the feasibility of setting up a Reserve Officers Training Corp unit here. The committee will submit its recommendations to President H. C. Hunter, who has been in correspondence with the War Department.

As The World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events In State, Nation and Abroad.

LONDON

British and German planes in biggest air battle of war over Britain's English channel coast; British claim 14 Nazi planes shot down; admiralty says Italian fleet put to flight in Mediterranean.

London claims 74 German planes shot down since June 18. The British government announced Thursday that Britain is prepared to meet the blockade with vast stores of food, saying "Britain will not starve." Parliament has outlawed the British Fascist organization, whose head, Moseley, is imprisoned.

BERLIN

Germans claim 29 British planes shot down in past 24 hours; German planes sink British cruiser and four merchant ships in Dover straits, and damage another cruiser and three other vessels; Hitler confers with Italian and Hungarian leaders—planning "new order" in Balkans and peaceful settlement of Rumania's quarrel with Hungary and Bulgaria.

Today's broadcast quotes Berlin editorial that warns leaders on other side of Atlantic not to forget the fate of France.

ROME

Italian high command says Italian fleet sinks two British warships and heavily damage several others in clash in Ionian sea, sending the British fleeing; Italians admit losing a destroyer and a submarine. British deny Italian claims.

BUCHAREST

Rumania withdraws from the League of Nations, after breaking all ties with Britain and joining axis dependent nations for protection against Hungary, Russia and Bulgaria.

ONE JAILED AFTER AFFRAY

Wayne Underwood Held After Shooting Scrape

Wayne Underwood, 35, is being held in the county jail here pending the outcome of the condition of Herbie Bradshaw, 27, now in Angel hospital suffering from critical shotgun wounds in the face and chest.

Doctors gave Bradshaw a good chance of recovery.

According to Deputy Sheriff John Dills, who arrested Underwood, the shooting took place at Underwood's home in the Mulberry section around 1:30 p. m. last Friday. Bradshaw is alleged to have attempted to enter the house, threatening to kill Underwood, who then seized a .16 gauge shotgun and fired twice at close range. Bradshaw was said to be unarmed.

A few hours later Underwood surrendered to Deputy Sheriff Dills.

Dills said that Bradshaw and Underwood, who are brothers-in-law, had quarreled Thursday afternoon and that on Friday morning Underwood swore out a warrant for Bradshaw's arrest on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He was unable to serve the warrant before the shooting occurred.

Masons

Enjoy All-Day Tour Of Macon County

Eleven car-loads of delegates to the sixth annual convention of Royal and Select Masters of York Rite Masons, which was held at Waynesville this week, spent Wednesday touring Macon county.

The motorcade, traveling under the direction of Dr. John R. McCracken of Waynesville, was met at the foot of Cowee mountain by Highway Patrolman Ed. C. Guy who acted as escort for the greater part of the day.

In Franklin the visitors were welcomed by a group of local Masons and the Chamber of Commerce hospitality committee, including A. B. Slagle, Harley Cabe, H. A. Wilhide, John Averell, and Allen J. Green. The motorcade then proceeded to the top of Wayah Bald, returning to Kelly's Tea Room for lunch.

After lunch, the motorcade returned to Waynesville by Highlands and Cashier's Valley. Most of the visiting Masons had never been in Macon county before and were highly delighted with its natural beauty.

Federation

Picnic At Franklin School On July 20

The annual Farmers Federation picnic and field day for Macon county will be held at Franklin school on Saturday, July 20, at 10 o'clock.

James G. K. McClure, president, has sent the following invitation to members of the federation:

"We hope to have every stockholder with his family at this meeting, and to make this day a big success and a good time for everybody. Come and bring a lunch.

The meeting is open to the public, and there will be plenty of free watermelon and lemonade. You will please do all you can to get out a big crowd. Prizes will be given for the largest truck load of people, largest family present, couple married longest and shortest time, and various other things.

We will be looking for you at Franklin."

Sincerely,
James G. K. McClure

DEFENSE TAX HITS MACON

Preparedness Levy Affects Gasoline, Tobacco Amusements

Macon citizens last week began to pay their share of the costs of the vast re-armament program as increased "defense" taxes went into effect with the advent of the new fiscal year, July 1.

The most noticeable immediate effect locally was an increase in the price of gasoline, cigarettes, beer and amusements. Cigarette prices for the most part remained at 15 cents a package; establishments who formerly sold two packages for 25 cents have increased the price.

Gasoline Higher

Gasoline prices rose from 23.8 to 24.3 cents a gallon, an increase of a half-cent. Beer jumped to 15 and 20 cents per bottle early in the week, returning to the old prices later on when consumption dropped sharply. A few beer retailers are now charging a cent tax per bottle.

Admission to the Macon Theatre for evening performances is now 28 cents, including both state and federal taxes. Matinees are 20 cents. Admission to home games of the Franklin All-Stars has been increased to 28 cents.

Billion Dollar Revenue

However revenue from taxes on the above mentioned items will only contribute two-fifths of nearly one billion dollars the new levy is expected to contribute to national defense. The other three-fifths will come from income and corporation taxes.

Two hundred thousand persons are affected by the lowering of the income tax brackets to include incomes of \$2,000 for married persons and \$800 for single persons. In addition there is a 10 per cent surtax on individual incomes. Corporation taxes have also been increased generally.

J. J. Corbin, Respected Citizen, Dies in Hospital

John J. Corbin, 55, of the Cullasaja community, died on Thursday morning at 4:20 o'clock in Angel hospital, where he had been a patient for the past month. Death was attributed to heart trouble.

Mr. Corbin, a widely known farmer and carpenter, had been ill at his home for more than six months before his condition became critical.

Born June 14, 1884, he was the son of the late Thomas I. and America Pierson Corbin of Cullasaja. He married Miss Eva Higdon, also of Macon, and most of his life was spent in the county.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 2 p. m. at the Sugarfork Baptist church of which Mr. Corbin was a member. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers will be Leonard Corbin, Leo Corbin, Thomas Corbin, Billy Corbin and Billy Higdon, all nephews, and William Corbin.

Surviving are the widow and four sons, Dr. Furman Corbin, of Franklin; Fred and John Corbin, Jr., of Cullasaja; and Sam Corbin, who is in the Marines, stationed at Parris Island, S. C.; one sister, Mrs. Annie Higdon, of Cullasaja; five brothers, T. G. Corbin, of Cullasaja; William L. Corbin, of Otto; M. P. Corbin, and I. P. Corbin, of Norton, and D. H. Corbin, of Greybull, Wyo., and nine grandchildren.

JURORS DRAWN FOR HIGH COURT

Convenes August 19 With Judge Wilson Warlick Presiding

Fifty-four names were drawn last week by the county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting for jury duty at the coming term of Macon county Superior court which convenes Monday, August 19. Judge Wilson Warlick of Newton will preside.

Other business matters of a routine nature were concluded by the commissioners at the meeting.

First Week

Those drawn for service for the first week are:

L. W. Rice, Highlands; C. W. Potts, Franklin; Carter Henson, Route 1, Dillard, Ga.; J. E. Dowdle, Franklin Route 2; F. B. Vinson, Sealy; W. C. Mason, Franklin Route 1; C. B. Vanhook, Franklin Route 2; Clyde Hughes, Franklin Route 3; O. A. Hicks, Kyle; L. P. Patterson, Franklin Route 4; D. J. Baldwin, Franklin Route 3; L. L. Denny, Flats; E. M. Moore, Prentiss; Grady Henry, Ellijay; Roy Stivinter, Cullasaja; Claude Bradley, Otto; J. T. Cabe, Stiles; J. Z. Pressly, Franklin; Frank Dalrymple, Flats; Charlie Moore, Ellijay; P. N. Moses; Cullasaja; Lonnie Grant, Flats; G. R. Conley, Franklin Route 1.

Newman Thomas, Prentiss; G. G. Watkins, Franklin; R. D. Rogers, Highlands; S. W. Bowers, Gneiss; J. R. Franklin, Franklin Route 4; Denver Morgan, Franklin Route 3; J. P. Bryson, West's Mill; Hansel Bennett, Franklin; J. L. Hicks, Highlands; Weaver Cochrane, Flats; Dewey Hopper, Highlands; and W. H. Dalton, West's Mill.

Second Week

Those drawn for jury duty the second week are:

W. C. Ledbetter, Franklin Route 2; Ed Shope, Prentiss; J. A. Wild, Franklin Route 3; Fred T. Bryson, Cullasaja; A. J. Picklesimer, Highlands; Samuel Teague, Gneiss; John H. Keener, Franklin Route 2; C. H. Southards, Franklin Route 1; John Hughes, West's Mill; L. A. Berry, Franklin Route 4; J. E. Cabe, Otto; J. J. Mann, Franklin Route 2; Fred Hall Cullasaja; W. E. Allen, West's Mill; Emmet Reighard, Topton; T. J. Blaine, Franklin Route 1; E. H. Parrish, Franklin Route 3, and Wiley Brown, Franklin Route 2.

Dedication Of Rose Creek Baptist Church July 21

Dedication services for Rose Creek Baptist church will be held Sunday, July 21. Rev. C. C. Welch, the pastor, will officiate.

The new church is a wooden structure with a seating capacity of over 100. Every family in the Rose Creek community contributed either material or labor to its erection.

Regular services will be held in the church Saturday night and Sunday morning at 11 every third week. Sunday school will be held at 10 a. m. each Sunday.

The dedication services will begin at 10 a. m., participated in by Rev. Lee Crawford, Rev. W. L. Bradley, Rev. J. I. Vinson, Rev. D. C. McCoy, Rev. C. F. Rogers, Rev. R. F. Mayberry, Robert Rickman and John E. Rickman. Dinner will be served on the grounds at noon.

The officers of the church are W. D. Welch and B. M. Hughes, deacons; Mrs. Marjorie Downs, clerk; and W. F. Welch, Bulen McCall, and J. W. Houston, trustees.

Six Pre-School Clinics To Be Held In Macon In July

Six pre-school clinics for children six months to six years of age will be held by the county board of health in Macon, during July.

All babies six months of age or older who have not had the diphtheria toxoid should be brought to these clinics, or to their family doctor for the injection, Dr. Haller stated.

The schedule of the clinics for July is:

Friday, July 12—Cowee, 10 to 12 a. m.; Otto, 1 to 2:30 p. m.
Friday, July 19—Slagle, 10 to 12 a. m.; Chapel (colored), 1 to 2:30 p. m.
Friday, July 26—Aquone, 10 to 12 a. m.; Kyle, 1 to 2:30 p. m.

Vacation Bible School Opens At Morrison

Daily, Vacation Bible school sponsored by the Presbyterian churches of Franklin and Morrison, began Monday morning in the Morrison Presbyterian church on the Georgia road.

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